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Resolution No. 02 - 26
Subject: Declaration of Local State of Emergency

## RESOLUTION

## A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE ADVERSE EFFECTS FROM COVID-19

WHEREAS, a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed on by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan on March 5, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed in several Maryland counties and disruption of services in Calvert County, Maryland;

WHEREAS, the principal executive officer of the County Commissioners of Calvert County has the authority pursuant to <u>Maryland Annotated Code</u>, *Public Safety Article*, §14-111 and is authorized to declare a local state of emergency;

WHEREAS, upon declaration of a local state of emergency, the Calvert County Emergency Operations Plan shall become immediately effective, which confers, among other powers, the power to the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County the authority to take such measures as necessary to maximize the preservation of life and property, including the authority to request evacuation of areas; and

WHEREAS, such authority vested in the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County shall be exercised with compassion and due regard to the constitutional and legal rights of the citizens of Calvert County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County that, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of Maryland, a local state of emergency exists;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County that, unless terminated earlier by subsequent Resolution, this local state of emergency shall expire upon the end of the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day following the Effective Date without further action by the Board, if not sooner rescinded; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County that the foregoing recitals are incorporated by reference.

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John B. Norris, IJI, County Attorney

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